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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to higher elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was irregular, ranging no better than steady in the East, mostly steady elsewhere with some caution noted. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, better where fast food promotions and retail ads stimulated interest. Supplies were at least adequate or available to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to tight and continued to have strong movement. Breast items were mixed, closest for bone-in, and dark meat was easy to obtain. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable to slightly heavier.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/13/03-01/18/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Includes branded product)					
Bos/New Eng	56.00-61.00	58.58	19	56.85	33
Chicago	54.00-57.00	56.55	42	58.69	81
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	61.82	26
Denver	66.50	66.47	17	66.47	17
Detroit	54.00-56.00	56.31	13	58.48	44
Los Angeles	67.00	66.47	56	65.73	119
New York	59.00-61.00	59.71	24	60.48	52
Philadelphia	58.50-60.00	59.55	11	60.39	22
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	59.60	10	61.06	57
St. Louis	56.00-56.50	55.99	20	56.48	43
San Francisco	67.50	67.30	32	67.90	72

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/13/03	Change/Last Wk	01/06/03	01/14/02
566	61.89	0.81	61.08	57.56

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	58.50-61.50	59.65	33
Central	57.00-64.00	60.80	70
West	59.00-64.50	63.46	44

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.06	81
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,170	54.00-67.35	61.26

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	170.00	1,378
BREASTS - B/S	139.00	5,211
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00	1,193
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.00	851
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	9,647
WINGS	64.00	3,468

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient to readily available and were generally slow in clearing. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breast were balanced to tight and clearing. Boneless skinless breast were fully adequate. The balance of items were generally adequate for trade needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and into retail where limited features were active. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were close to short and continued to show strength. Breast items were balanced to well cleared for bone-in, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries at mixed levels with regular commitments at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying interest was fair and selective. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best to cover features. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters bulk 19-19.5 and 4/10s 21-21.5 bone-in breast 73-82 and boneless 125-129 and boneless leg meat 57-58. The market tone on parts was generally steady to fully steady with wings in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated weighted WOG average was 60.28 down 1.24 with the volume reported down 6 percent to 29 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices increased in St. Louis and Detroit with Chicago unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers of whole birds balanced for price sensitive buyer interest. Movement into all channels mostly light to moderate, occasionally fairly good; best demand on retail features and fast food promotions. Floor stocks fully adequate to close. Weights generally desirable. Parts trading heavy on wings, light to fair on all other parts. Supplies of wings barely adequate to short, remaining items adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and whole breasts, steady on balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair, instances moderate. Seller offerings were readily available on all sizes and were generally slow in clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breasts and wings were short on inquiry. Boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate. Leg items were generally noted as adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

RANGE	54-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.32
NO. OF BOXES	7,370

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity entering the week was mostly fair to moderate as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breast were in close balance and wings were short of full needs. Boneless-skinless breasts ranged adequate to available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient, with thighs noted in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate with best interest centering on feature activity. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and bone-in breasts and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130		125.18	440,680
TENDERLOINS	105-110		109.75	124,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68		73.00	148,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	67		71.37	131,320
LEGS	31-32		30.00	284,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		17.98	502,294
DRUMSTICKS	21-22		27.60	102,730
THIGHS	21-22		32.56	51,680
B/S THIGHS	62-63		62.20	70,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67		71.26	192,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.22	40,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		29.93	12,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		64.12	10,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,239	112.00-144.00	121-126	123.46
TENDERLOINS	165	115.00-168.00	-	160.76
BREAST - WITH RIBS	140	67.00-85.00	67	69.57
FRONT HALVES	183	62.00-77.00	63-65	65.47
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,274	14.00-16.50	15	15.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,905	16.50-18.00	17	17.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	85	54.00-76.00	62-70	69.36
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,640	15.00-17.00	16-17	16.73

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/13	01/09	01/09	01/06	01/02
ALA	4,088	3,996	5.03	4,052	5.15
ARK	5,216	5,013	4.85	5,204	5.17
DELMARVA	2,265	2,358	5.03	2,389	5.20
KY-LA-TN	1,928	1,858	4.93	1,844	4.90
MISS	2,957	2,820	5.38	2,960	5.46
NC	2,547	2,470	6.13	2,552	6.14
TEXAS	2,442	2,447	4.90	2,380	4.84
TOTAL	21,443	20,962	5.14	21,381	5.27
MON	21,443(A)			21,381(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Jan 2003 is estimated to be 32,081,000 down 0.01 percent from a week ago and up

2.39 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,084,000 last year 31,332,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	674	110.00-200.00	116-121	119.72
TENDERLOINS	147	115.00-176.00	115-120	128.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	62.00-72.00	64-66	65.76
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	108	19.00-32.00	-	21.44
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	598	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.06
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,151	16.00-26.00	17-19	18.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	287	64.00-69.00	64-66	65.31
WINGS (CUT)	380	80.00-86.00	80-82	81.18
DRUMSTICKS	70	32.00-46.00	-	33.60
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JAN 13, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
37.00 - 42.00	40.26	40.38

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF JAN -13-03 - JAN 17-03

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	119.00 - 136.00	119.00 - 129.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 83.00	65.00 - 71.00
LEGS	26.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 20.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	17.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	61.00 - 74.00	67.00 - 69.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	66

DUCKS  
RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		96-102
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 10-JAN-2003  
 — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	13.00	588,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.42	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-13.00	10.50-12.00	1,280,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.05	11.14		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 10-JAN-2003  
 — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-14.00	10.00-14.00	1,932,400	814,800
WTD AVERAGE	11.63	10.68		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for this week were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 13-JAN-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5	7-8.5	7.95
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair with slaughter schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-JAN-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11	7.5-8.25	8.18

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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